Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management in Bangalore

1482. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the places in the country where Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management, an autonomous institute set up by Government, is functioning; and

(b) whether there is a proposal to set up the above Institute in Bangalore?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.

(b) No, Sir.

Admission of SC/ST Students in REC

1483. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. Ambedkar Birth Centenary Celebrations Committee, headed by the Prime Minister, recommended for ensuring admission of students from SC/ST communities to the fullest extent of the quota of seats reserved for these communities in the year 1993;

(b) if so, action taken thereon;

(c) the total year-wise number of students admitted in different faculties/disciplines in all the Regional Engineering Colleges (REC) in all the levels of courses during the last five years; and

(d) the number of students from SC/ST among them and their percentage as compared to the total seats?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) Yes Sir, Dr. Ambedkar Birth Centenary Celebrations Committee has recommended admission of students from SC/ST community as per the quota reserved for them. RECs are joint and co-operative ventures of the Central Govt, and the State Govt, concerned. The RECs follow the reservation policy of the Govt, of India. Relaxation

of age and marks in the qualifying examination are also available for SG5T students in some of the RECs. The percentage of actual admissions of SC/ST candidates very widely in different RECs, Courses and in different years.

Construction of building for NBT

1484. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a prestigious institution like National Book Trust, continues to be housed in a rented building all these years;

(b) whether there is any proposal to move the Trust into a building of its own; and

(c) if so how long would it take Government to facilitate it?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes Sir. There is a proposal to move the Trust into a building of its own.

(c) The construction work on the site at Institutional Area, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi commenced in March, 2000. The CPWD has given twenty-four months time to complete the construction work.

Approval of Engineering and Technical (DEG) Institutions

1485. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA; Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many Engineering and Technical (Deg.) Institutions have been approved, State-wise;

(b) what is the intake of each State in Degree Courses in Engineering and Technical Courses from 1996 to 2000;

(c) whether it is a fact that under the pretext of reviewing the scenario of technical education in the country, AICTE